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Title of the Invention: NACI-A PLANT GENE ENCODING A TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR INVOLVED IN COTYLEDON AND LATERAL ROOT DEVELOPMENT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action rejection mailed April 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.